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TAGS: PARM MTCRE PREL ETTC BE IR MY
SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN PROLIFERATOR, S INTEREST IN BELGIAN DATA
ACQUSITION SYSTEMS ON BEHALF OF IRANIAN END-USER (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM REASONS 1.4 (B), (C) AND (D).

- $\P1$. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Brussels, please see paragraph 3.
- (S) Background/Objective: We have information indicating that as of June 2008, the Malaysian-based firm Evertop Services Sdn Bhd sought A9910 advanced data acquisition systems for earth observation satellites from a Belgian-based office of Thales Alenia Space on behalf of an unknown Iranian end-user. This system is used in ground stations for the acquisition of imagery data from satellites or potentially with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Although Evertop is based in Malaysia, it is an Iranian-run procurement firm which has facilitated many transactions on behalf of Iranian end-users of concern. These end-users have included entities affiliated with Iran's UAV program as well as the Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG), which is Iran's primary liquid-fueled ballistic missile developer. We wish to alert Belgian authorities to Evertop's history of procurement for Iranian end-users and urge that they work to ensure that Belgian-based companies are not involved, even inadvertently, in the supply of s ensitive items to Iranian end-users of concern via this firm.
- 13. (U) Action Request: Request Embassy Brussels approach appropriate host government officials to deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 4 and report response. Talking points also may be provided as a non-paper.
- 14. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

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- -- In the spirit of our nonproliferation cooperation, we would like to raise with you a matter of proliferation concern and request your government's assistance in investigating this activity.
- -- We have information indicating that as of June 2008, the Malaysian-based firm Evertop Services Sdn Bhd sought A9910 advanced data acquisition systems for earth observation satellites from a Belgian-based office of Thales Alenia Space on behalf of an unknown Iranian end-user.
- -- The A9910 system is used in ground stations for the acquisition of imagery data from satellites or potentially unmanned aerial vehicles.
- -- Although Evertop is based in Malaysia, it is an Iranian-run procurement firm, and has facilitated many transactions on behalf of Iranian end-users of concern, including entities listed in the Annex to UNSCR 1737, such as the Shahid Hemmat Industrial Group (SHIG Iran's primary liquid-fueled ballistic missile developer), and entities affiliated with Iran's unmanned aerial vehicle program.

- -- We are bringing this information to your attention to alert you to Evertop's history of procurement for Iranian end-users, and urge you to take all appropriate measures to ensure that Belgian-based companies are not working even inadvertently to supply sensitive items to Iranian end-users of concern via this firm.
- -- We look forward to hearing of any actions your government takes in response to this information.

End talking points/non-paper

- 15. (U) Please contact ISN/MTR's John Paul Herrmann with any questions or follow-up issues related to this case (202-647-1430 herrmannjp@state.sgov.gov) and slug reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR.
- $\underline{\ }^{\P}6.$ (U) A word version of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.